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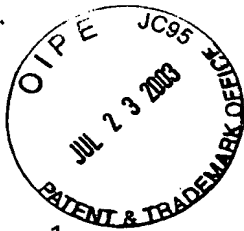
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Please consider the following amendments.

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**Amendments**

Please cancel claim 7 as follows.

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Please amend claim 15 as follows.

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